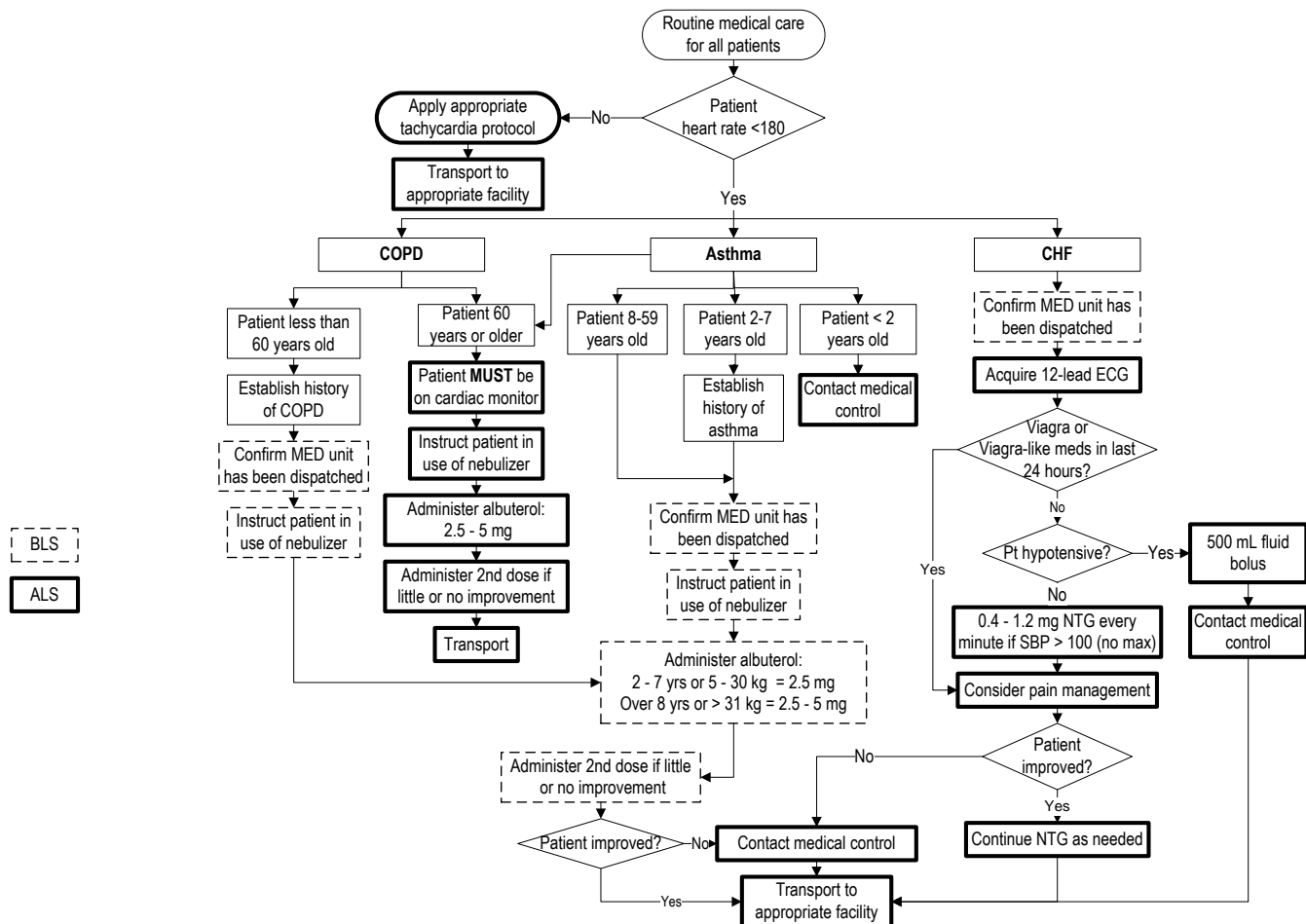


History	Signs/Symptoms	Working Assessment
May have a history of asthma (history required for patients 2 - 7 years old) Exposure to irritant Recent URI	Chest tightness Dyspnea Coughing or wheezing Accessory muscle use	Asthma
History of COPD	Chronic cough Dyspnea Pursed lip breathing Prolonged exhalation Barrel chest Clubbing of fingers	COPD
May have a history of CHF	Orthopnea Restlessness Wet or wheezing breath sounds Hypertension Tachycardia Jugular vein distention	CHF



Notes:

- A history of CHF is not required before treatment is initiated.
- Patients 60 years and older must be on a cardiac monitor.
- Establish a history of asthma before treating children between 2 and 7 years old. Wheezing may be caused by cardiomyopathy and antagonized by albuterol.
- If an asthmatic has no improvement after a second albuterol treatment, consider contacting medical control for an **order** for intramuscular epinephrine.
- A MED unit must transport any patient receiving albuterol in the field.
- Normal room air oxygen saturation (pulse ox) is 94 – 100%.